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SUBJECT: U.S.-JAPAN CROAKER FISHERY MEETING

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1. KIBUN, MAJOR JAPANESE PRODUCER OF SPECIALTY FISHERY PRODUCTS, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN VISITS TO U.S. CROAKER PRODUCERS ALONG WITH KAMABOKO ASSOCIATION, BEGINNING APRIL 29, PRIOR TO MAY 2 MEETING WITH U.S. INDUSTRY. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE APPARENTLY PLANS TO INVITE KIBUN ON SUCH A TRIP AFTER REPEAT AFTER MAY 2 MEETING.

2. KIBUN FEELS THAT UNLESS IT HAS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT U.S. PROCESSING FACILITIES AND OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION, IT WILL BE IN POOR POSITION TO ADDRESS FULL SUBJECTS PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION AT MAY 2 MEETING.

3. POST DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS IF KAMABOKO ASSOCIATION AND KIBUN ARE TAKEN ON JOINT TOUR. ASSOCIATION IS BEING INFORMED OF KIBUN'S REQUEST.

4. KIBUN ESPECIALLY REQUESTS NMFS'S ASSISTANCE IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR GROUP TO MEET WITH KENT SEAMAN, SEAMAN ENTERPRISES,

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MENTS FOR GROUP TO MEET WITH KENT SEAMAN, SEAMAN ENTERPRISES,

BAYOU LA BATRE, ALABAMA, AND CHARLES GRAHAM, GULF CITY FISHERIES,
PASCAGOULA, MISS.

5. REQUEST IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO KIBUN PROPOSAL AND APPOINTMENT
SCHEDULE. ALSO, PLEASE CONTACT OEDAKENOUCHI IN LOS ANGELES REGARDING
YOUR RESPONSE.

6. ALTHOUGH SOME OF KIBUN GROUP HAVE VISITED GULF AREA, SEVERAL
SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS IN KIBUN DELEGATION WHO WILL BE MAKING DECISIONS
ON PARTICIPATION IN CROAKER SURIMI PROJECT HAVE NOT AND THEY
WOULD LIKE TO MEET AND DISCUSS U.S. CROAKER FISHERY WITH SEAMAN
AND GRAHAM.
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